

A Brief Explanation of Scrip

What is it?

Scrip is gift cards for many retailers, restaurants, and services, both local and nation-wide. Instead of using cash, a check, or a credit card when you make your purchase, you use your Scrip gift card. The great thing about Scrip is that you can use it for everyday purchases: groceries, gas, prescriptions, clothing, gifts, etc. You don't need to spend any more money than you already do, AND you help raise money for St. Greg's.

How does it work?

The Scrip program allows St. Greg's Parish to purchase gift cards in bulk at a discount. The Scrip retailers offer discounts varying from 2% to 20%. Parishioners simply buy Scrip from St. Greg's, paying the face value of the Scrip gift card, and St. Greg's receives the profit. **For example**, Pick 'n Save cards are available to St. Greg's at a 4% discount – when you purchase a gift card for \$100, the parish receives \$4. Over the course of a year, a family that spends \$400 per month on Pick 'N Save cards would generate a profit of \$192 for St. Greg's.

How do you purchase Scrip?

We have the most popular Scrip vendors available on a cash-and-carry basis. You fill out a “Cash & Carry” order form that is available in the Parish Office, or in the Hospitality Center after weekend Masses, and pay with cash or check. Then you take your Scrip card and go spend it like cash.

Besides the vendors that we offer “Cash & Carry”, there are hundreds of other cards available that you can special order. Just go online to www.shopwithscrip.com for a complete list. Scrip order forms are available in the School and Parish Offices as well as the Hospitality Center which is open after all weekend masses. Order forms can also be downloaded from our parish website: <http://www.stgregsmil.org/>.

Once you have your order form, all you need to do is complete it, write out a check to St. Greg's for the total dollar amount (cash is also accepted), and turn it in to the Parish Office or the Hospitality Center. The deadline for submitting Scrip special orders is 9:00 Monday morning. Your gift cards will be available for pick-up by Friday morning. You can choose to pick up the certificates from the Parish Office during the week or in the Hospitality Center after Mass on the weekends.

What's the catch?

It requires a little planning on your part, but once you get in the habit, you'll be surprised at how easy it is.

What's the benefit?

By planning what Scrip to buy, it can actually help with budgeting. And even more importantly, those seemingly small weekly profits grow into thousands of dollars for our parish each year.

How do you enroll?

Fill out the enrollment form. It will take you just a few minutes to complete. Turn it in with your first order. There's no waiting; you can begin buying Scrip right away. Extra Scrip enrollment forms are available in the School or Parish Office, the Hospitality Center or download the form from our parish website.

Even more good news?!

See the PACE flyer to see how your profits can help lessen the cost of Catholic education at St. Greg's!